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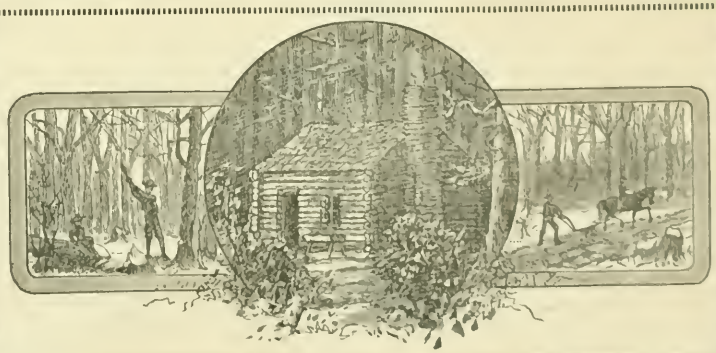

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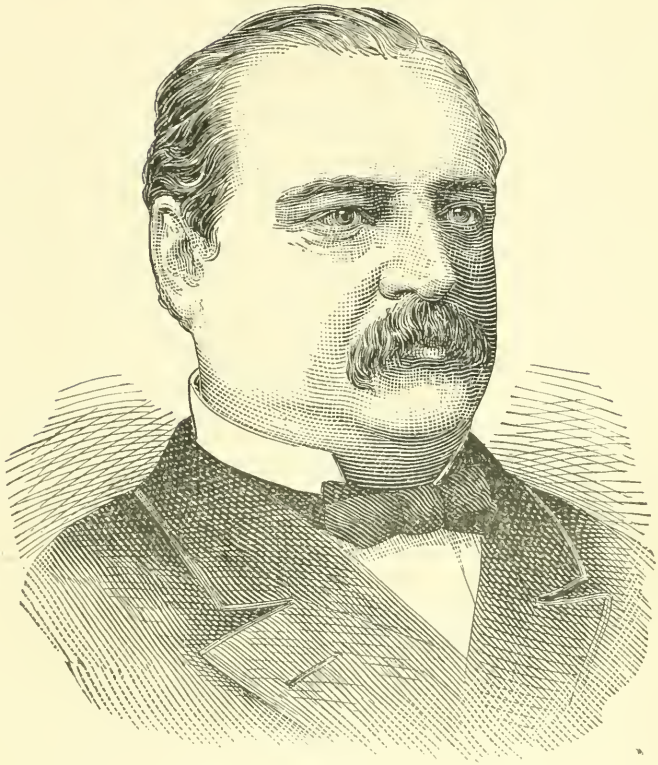

The Hon. GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York.

GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York, was born in Caldwell, N. J., on March 18, 1837. He was educated in the Clinton Academy in Oneida County, N. Y., and after completing his studies he came to New York City and entered a store as clerk. Soon after, however, he went to Buffalo, studied law, and was admitted to the bar. For three years he was Assistant District Attorney of Erie County, and in 1870 was elected sheriff. In 1881 he was elected mayor of Buffalo, and in 1882, by the vote of the Democratic party, he became Governor of the State of New York, and is in office yet.

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Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE, of Maine.

THIS eminent politician was born in Washington County, Penn., Jan. 31, 1830. He pursued his studies at Washington College, Penn., and after graduation, settled in the State of Maine. He became editor of the Portland *Advertiser*, and afterwards of the Kennebec *Journal*. Chosen to the Maine Legislature in 1859, he served three years, the last two of which he was Speaker of the House. In 1862 he was elected a Representative to Congress, and was reëlected six times. In the National House he was three times elected Speaker. While in the House he was appointed United States Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Morrill. Afterwards he was elected to fill the unexpired term and for the term following, but, appointed Secretary of State in 1881 by President Garfield, he resigned his office as Senator. Later in the year he resigned the office of Secretary of State, and was succeeded by F. T. Frelinghuysen. Since, Mr. Blaine has held no public office.

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Hon. SAMUEL J. TILDEN, of New York.

THIS distinguished lawyer and statesman, born in New Lebanon, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1814, entered Yale College in 1832, and, after two years, entered the University of New York. Completing his college studies, he took a law course, and began the practice of his profession in New York City. His energy gave him prominence, and for thirteen years he was Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1846 and 1867. He was elected to the General Assembly of the state in 1846, and again in 1872. He acted an efficient part in the overthrow of the "Tweed Ring" in the city of New York, and rose to be Governor of the State in 1874. During his gubernatorial career he unmasked and prosecuted the corrupt associations that had mismanaged the great canal affairs. His abilities as a lawyer were very manifest. In 1876 he became the Democratic nominee for the Presidency, and as such received, it is believed, 184 electoral votes, wanting only one of an election. The excitement consequent upon that canvass will long be remembered. Since that time he has lived in retirement.

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Hon. JOHN SHERMAN, of Ohio.

This conspicuous public man, born in Lancaster, Ohio, May 10, 1823, received an academical education, studied for the legal profession, and was admitted to the bar in 1844. His first election to Congress was in 1854, and he served in the House three successive terms. After being chosen for the fourth time, before Congress met he was elected to the United States Senate. While in the House he was, during the heated contest in 1859, the Republican candidate for Speaker. He was associated with Thaddeus Stevens in framing the reconstruction measures of 1866-7. Reëlected to the Senate in 1866, and again in 1872, he served with remarkable efficiency, being much of the time Chairman of the Committee on Finance. Thus fitted for promotion, President Hayes in 1877 chose him to be Secretary of the Treasury of the Nation. Through his financial skill and sagacity specie payment was resumed by the Nation on the first of January, 1879—the happiest event to the Country since the close of the war. The bonds of the Nation, now redeemable, have been paid with the proceeds of bonds of a lower rate of interest. He was reëlected to the Senate in 1880, and his term of office extends to March 3, 1887.

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Hon. THOMAS F. BAYARD, of Delaware.

He was born in Wilmington, Del., Oct. 29, 1828. His father, James A. Bayard, Jr., was a public man, and finally became a United States Senator. His grandfather, Thomas A. Bayard, was also a public man, a United States Senator, and an incumbent of other Federal offices. Thomas F. received an academic training, with a view to mercantile life, but finally studied law, and entered upon the legal profession in 1851. In 1853 he was chosen United States District Attorney, for Delaware, but resigned the office in the year following. During 1855-6 he resided in Philadelphia,— the only portion of his life in which he practiced his profession outside of his native state. In 1868 he succeeded his father in the Senate of the United States, and was reëlected Senator in 1875. He was a member of the Electoral Commission of 1876, and in 1879 was chosen chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. In 1881 he was reëlected to the Senate, and was chosen Speaker, *pro tem.* (succeeded by David Davis). His term of office will expire on March 3, 1887.

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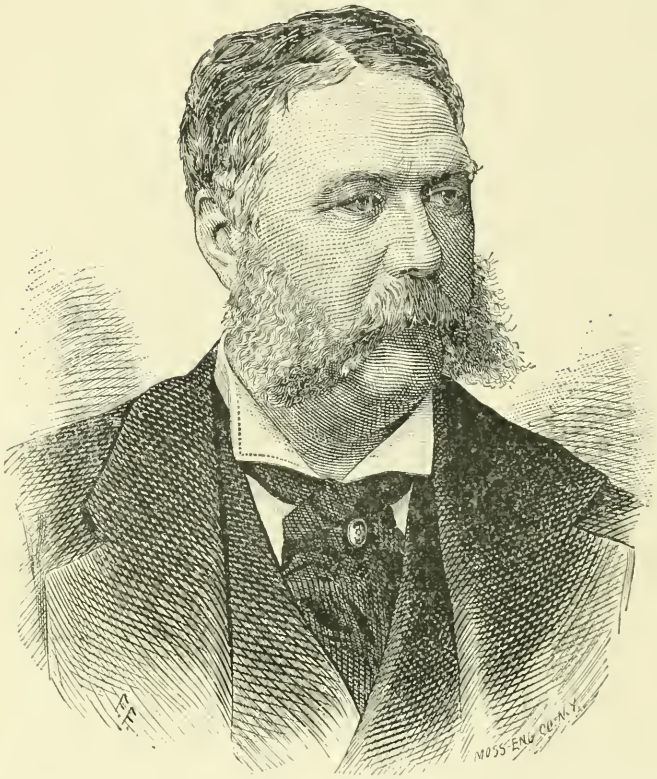

CHESTER A. ARTHUR, President of the United States.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR was born in Franklin County, Vermont, on October 5, 1830, and is the oldest of a family of two sons and five daughters. He was educated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. After graduation he taught school in Vermont for two years, and at the end of that time came to New York and entered the office of ex-Judge E. D. Culver as a student of law. He was admitted to the bar and formed a copartnership with Henry D. Gardner. Later he married the daughter of Lieutenant Herndon of the United States Navy. Mrs. Arthur, leaving two children, died a short time before General Arthur came before the people prominently. He won fame as a lawyer in the early complications that arose from the enforcement of the fugitive slave law. Before the war he was Judge Advocate in the state militia of New York; in 1861 he was appointed Inspector-General, and soon became Quartermaster-General. In 1872 he was appointed Collector of the port of New York by President Grant, and was succeeded in that office by Collector Merritt in 1878. In 1880 he was elected Vice-President of the United States, and on the death of President Garfield in 1881, became President. His term of office will expire on March 3, 1885.

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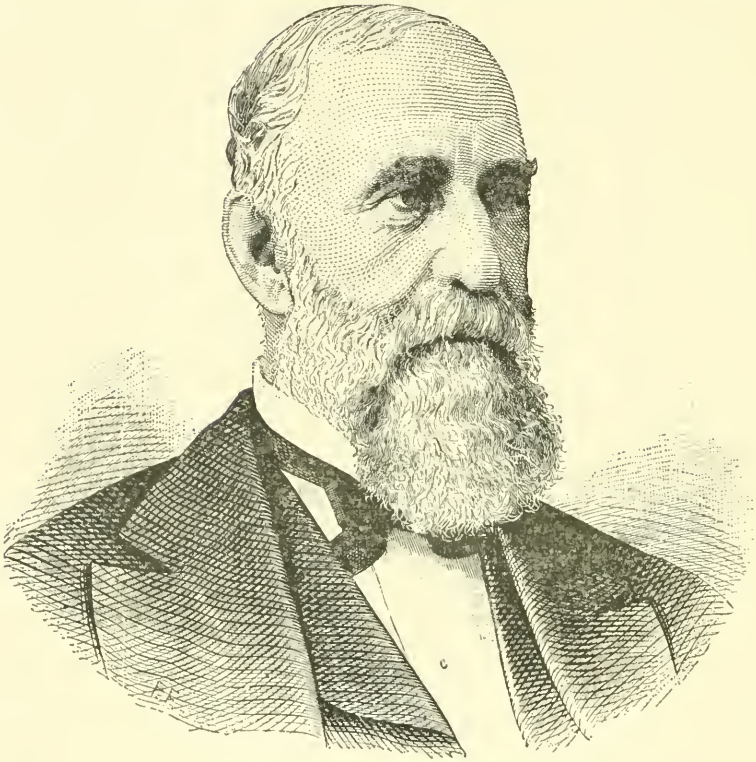

Hon. GEORGE F. EDMUNDS, of Vermont.

He was born in Richmond, Vt., Feb. 1, 1828, and received his education in the public schools, and from private tutors. He studied law, and entered upon the practice of his profession in his native state. His advancement was the consequence of his talents and his industry. He was elected a member of the lower house of the Vermont Legislature in 1854, and served till 1859, the last three years acting as Speaker. In 1861 and 1862 he was a member of the State Senate, and acted as President *pro tempore*. In 1865 he was appointed to the United States Senate, filling the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Solomon Foote, and was afterwards elected by the Legislature for the unexpired term. He was reëlected to this office in 1869, and again in 1875, and was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee until the Senate became Democratic, in 1879. He was also a member of the Electoral Commission of 1876. He was reëlected to the Senate in 1881, and was chosen President of the Senate in 1884. His term of service expires on March 3, 1887.

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The Hon. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, was born in Philadelphia, on Oct. 10, 1828. He received an academic education and engaged in mercantile pursuits. For four years he served in the city council of Philadelphia, and from 1858 to 1859 was state senator. He was elected a Representative to the Thirty-eighth Congress, and has been reëlected to every Congress since. He was elected Speaker in the last session of the Forty-fourth, for the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses.

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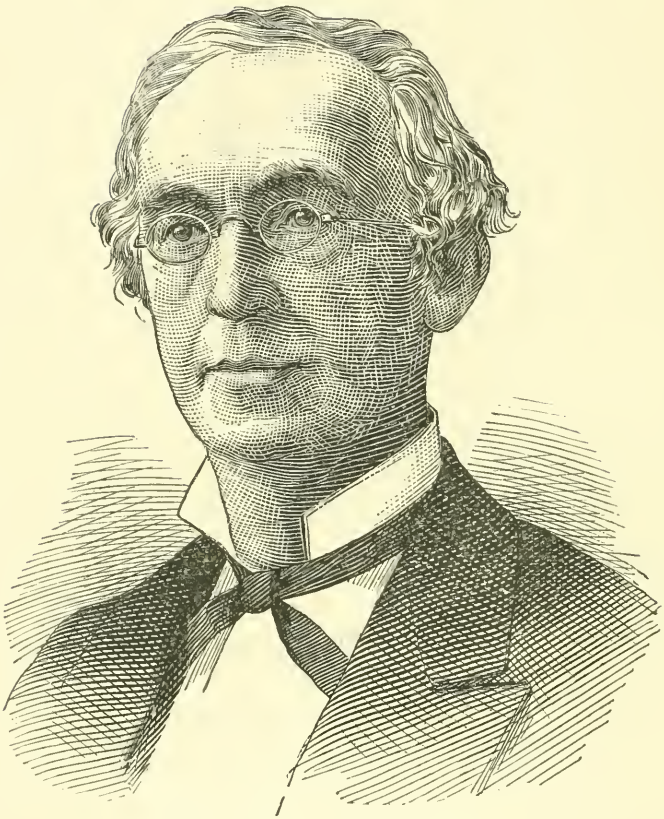

The Hon. HENRY B. PAYNE, of Ohio.

HENRY B. PAYNE was born in Hamilton County, N. Y., on Nov. 30, 1810, and was educated at Hamilton College. In 1834, after a full course of study, he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession in Cleveland. In 1849 and 1850 he was a state senator, and a Democratic Presidential elector in 1848. The state made him governor in 1857, and he was a delegate to national conventions of his party, the Democratic, in 1856, 1860, and 1872. He was elected to the Forty-fourth Congress in 1876, taking a leading part and being chairman of the committee to meet the Senate committee to count the electoral votes, and chairman, also, on other important committees. Mr. Payne was elected as one of the five members of the Electoral Commission by the House of Representatives. He was the author of, and introduced in the House of Representatives, the bill to regulate the counting of the votes for President and Vice-President; also a bill for the gradual resumption of specie payment. During the last twenty years Mr. Payne has been interested extensively in railway and manufacturing enterprises, and is one of the leading members of the Standard Oil Company. He is considered a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

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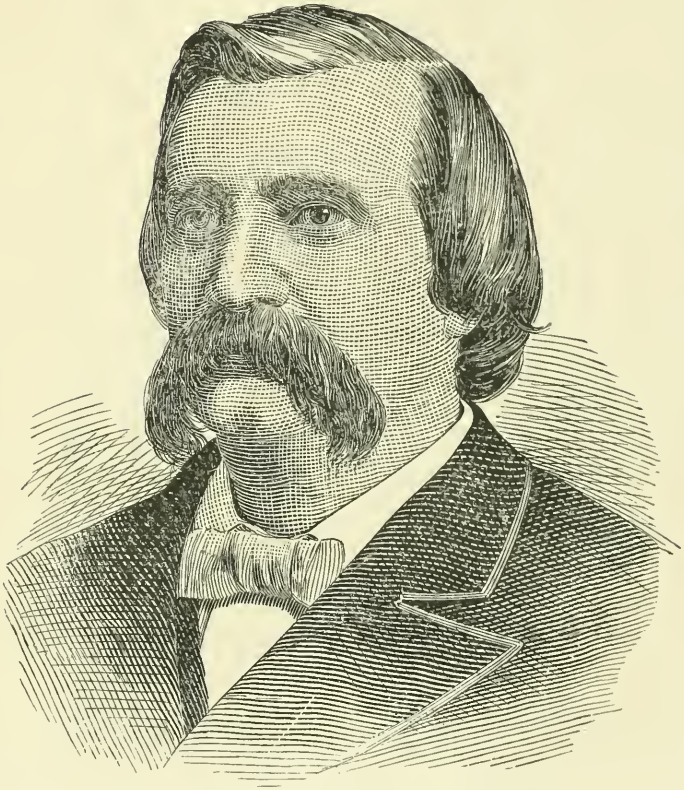

The Hon. JOHN A. LOGAN, of Illinois.

JOHN A. LOGAN, of Chicago, was born in Jackson County, Ill., where he received a common school education, and later, was graduated at the Louisville University. In the war with Mexico he was a private in the Illinois Volunteers, and rose to the position of quartermaster. He was elected clerk of the Jackson County Court in 1849, studied and practiced law, was elected to the Legislature of Illinois in 1852, 1853, 1856, 1857, was prosecuting attorney from 1853 to 1857, was Presidential elector in 1856, and was elected to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses. When the war broke out he resigned and entered the army as colonel, and reached the rank of major-general before the war closed. In 1856 he declined the appointment of minister to Mexico. He was elected to the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses, and was elected to the United States Senate, serving from 1871 to 1877. In 1879 he was again elected to the Senate. His term of office will expire on March 3, 1885.

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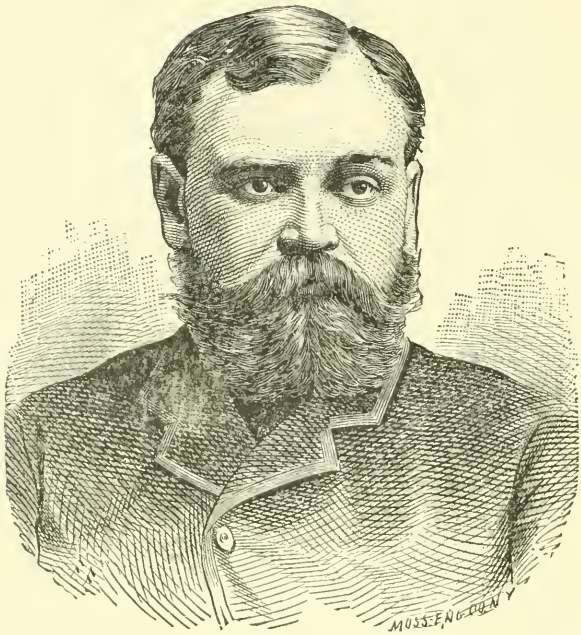

ROBERT T. LINCOLN, Secretary of War.

ROBERT TODD LINCOLN was born in 1843, and was seventeen years of age when his father, Abraham Lincoln, was elected President of the United States. He attended the common schools in his native place, and in 1860 he was a student in Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. During his father's first term he entered Harvard College. He was graduated in 1864, and immediately entered the Harvard Law School at the request of his father, although the war was in progress and he wished to be in it. At last he broke away from the law school and entered the army, becoming a captain and an aide-de-camp on the staff of General Grant. At the close of the war he resumed his legal studies in Chicago, Ill., was admitted to the bar, began practice, and also, to acquire fame. He was made Secretary of War on March 5, 1881, which office he now holds.

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Gen. WILLIAM T. SHERMAN.

WILLIAM T. SHERMAN was born in Lancaster, Ohio, on Feb. 8, 1820. He was graduated at West Point in 1840, and served in the Florida and Mexican wars. In 1853 he resigned his commission and began the banking business in San Francisco, afterward being a lawyer in Kansas. When the war of the Rebellion began, he was made colonel of a regiment of infantry, and at the battle of Bull Run commanded a brigade. Soon after, he received the commission of brigadier-general in the regular army. In 1863 he succeeded General Grant as commander of the Department of Tennessee. Later he became commander of the Mississippi division of the army. He was made major-general in the regular army in 1864, and when General Grant was elected general in 1866, General Sherman was commissioned lieutenant-general. On the election of General Grant to the Presidency, General Sherman was made general, and held that office until he retired, in 1883, and was succeded by General Sheridan.

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JOSEPH EWING McDONALD

was born in Butler County, Ohio, Aug. 29, 1819. His father's ancestors were Scotch and his mother's, French. When he was twelve years of age he became an apprentice to a saddler, serving five years. At eighteen he entered Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Ind., and remained till 1840, when he entered Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., taking a six months course of study. He then taught school, and later entered the store of his brother, at Williamsport, Ind. In 1843 he was admitted to the bar, but before he received his license to practice he was nominated as prosecuting attorney of the county, and was elected to the office. In 1844 he was married to Nancy Ruth Buell, of Williamsport, Ind., by whom he had three sons and one daughter. He served as prosecuting attorney for four years, and was elected during this time to the Thirty-first Congress from the Eighth District of Indiana, and served for one term. In 1856 he was elected as Attorney-General, and reëlected in 1858, giving four years of service. In 1864 he became the Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana. He was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Daniel D. Pratt, Republican, and took his seat March 5, 1875. He was chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, and second member of the Judiciary Committee. He made the principal argument for the objectors in the count of the electoral vote of Louisiana, before the Electoral Commission appointed to determine the result of the Presidential election of 1876. His term as Senator expired March 3, 1881. His first wife died in 1872, and his second, Araminta W. Vance, of Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1875.

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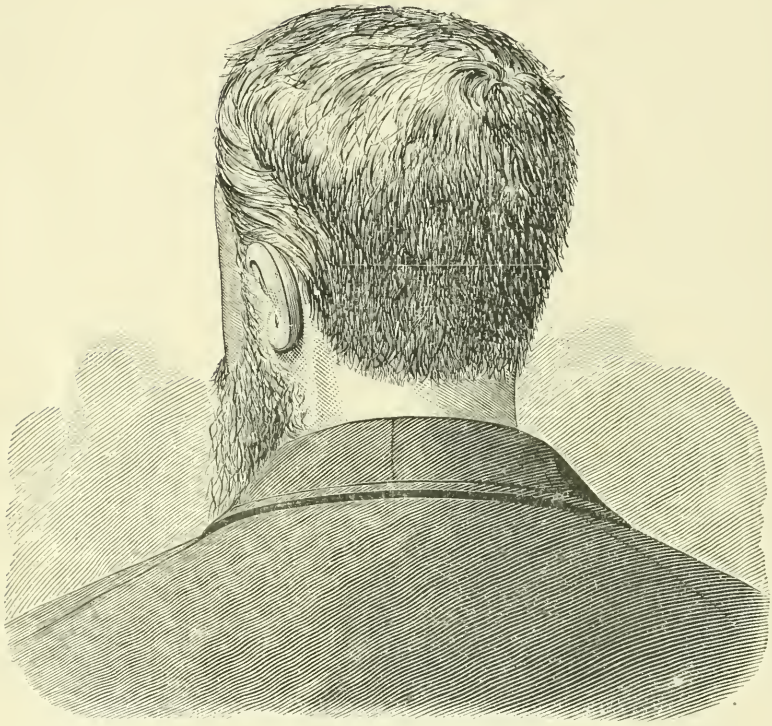

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